

# Bendigo Senior Secondary College

## College Council Meeting - Minutes



Tuesday 21 May 2024

**1. ATTENDEES:**

Dale Pearce (Principal & Executive Officer), Lahra Filsell (President), Dan Sheard (Vice President), Cameron Turnbull, Simon Gill, Justin Thacker, Kate Harte, Kylie Hand, Tim White, Louise Prosser, Rohan Tyler, Nissa Wakefield and Stephen Nelson (Treasurer).

**APOLOGIES:**

Michael Morrissey, Rob Stephenson, Sandi Tun

**OBSERVERS:**

Jo Peterson

**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:**

**3. 'MAESTRO' PRESENTATION** by Kylie Hand

- Simple landing page and series of dashboards that Compass is unable to provide
- Snapshot of students' progress
- Will bring back to a future meeting with an interactive display

**4. ITEMS OF UNLISTED BUSINESS:**

- 4.1 Female Hygiene products
- Lack of products in the Music room & G Block toilets
  - Kylie to follow up

**5. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Nil

**6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

- 6.1 Motion: that the Minutes of the last meeting of College Council held on 19 March 2024 be received and confirmed as accurate.

Moved: Rohan Tyler

Seconded: Kylie Hand

Carried

**7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

- 7.1 Artwork
- Upcoming meeting

**8. REPORTS:**

8.1 Principal

8.1.1 Enrolments

- No enrolment audit this year
- We will be funded for 1793 students

8.1.2 Staffing

- Positions advertised

8.1.3 Media

- Council Members emailed on 7 May
- Statement released to school community prior to breaking in the media





- 10.1.3 Motion: that College Council approves the excursion to (this activity was approved by a majority of Councillors via email on 7/5):

<b>Excursion</b>	Kakadu Adventure 2024
<b>When</b>	Wednesday 26 June – Saturday 6 July 2024
<b>Where</b>	Darwin, Kakadu National Park, Litchfield National Park
<b>No of Students</b>	8
<b>Staff Organiser/Leader</b>	Sam Gibbs
<b>Additional Staff</b>	Jenny Lee

Moved: Dan Sheard

Seconded: Simon Gill

Carried

- 10.2 Cleaning Contract

- 10.2.1 Nothing to report at this stage  
NETschool cleaning to be included in contract  
To be brought back to a future meeting

- 10.3 International Student Program

After discussion at our recent ISP Meeting, we proposed an increase of 6.45% in homestay fees from 1 July, 2024 for our Homestay Program to address the rising living costs, ensuring the sustainability and quality of the program. This will bring the current Homestay Fee from \$310 per week to \$330 per week.

The recent economic data indicates a significant rise in expenses such as utilities and groceries, which impacts the financial viability for our homestay families. This fee adjustment will enable us to maintain high-quality living conditions for our students and ensure that hosting remains an attractive option for families. We seek the council's approval to approve the proposed increase.

Motion: that College Council approves the increase of the Homestay Fee to \$330 per week.

Moved: Kylie Hand

Seconded: Dan Sheard

Carried

11. **MEETING CLOSED:** 7:31pm

12. **NEXT MEETING:**  
Tuesday 18 June, 2024  
Conference Room

13. **FUTURE GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 13.1 Casual Vacancy – Community position  
13.2 Cleaning Contract